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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicated that claims 14, 16, 17 and 22 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, these claims have been re-written in independent form. Claims 1-11, 12, 20, 18 and 24 have been canceled. The dependencies of the remaining claims have been amended to depend from the re-written claims 14, 16, 17 and 22.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejections be withdrawn in view of the current amendments to the claims.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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